

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

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Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1679–S1774

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2750–2757, and S. Res. 414–415. **Pages S1711–12**

Measures Reported:

S. 1336, to implement the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean, as adopted at Auckland on November 14, 2009. (S. Rept. No. 114–235) **Page S1711**

Measures Passed:

Department of Homeland Security Headquarters Consolidation Accountability Act: Senate passed S. 1638, to direct the Secretary of Homeland Security to submit to Congress information on the Department of Homeland Security headquarters consolidation project in the National Capital Region, after agreeing to the committee amendments. **Pages S1773–74**

Municipality of Anchorage: Senate passed S. 1492, to direct the Administrator of General Services, on behalf of the Archivist of the United States, to convey certain Federal property located in the State of Alaska to the Municipality of Anchorage, Alaska, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1774**

Congratulating the Villanova Wildcats: Senate agreed to S. Res. 415, congratulating the 2016 national champions, the Villanova Wildcats, for their win in the 2016 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Basketball Tournament. **Page S1774**

Measures Considered:

America's Small Business Tax Relief Act—Agreement: Senate began consideration of H.R. 636, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permanently extend increased expensing limita-

tions, after agreeing to the motion to proceed, and taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1702–03**

Pending:

Thune/Nelson Amendment No. 3464, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S1702**

Thune (for Gardner) Amendment No. 3460 (to Amendment No. 3464), to require the FAA Administrator to consider the operational history of a person before authorizing the person to operate certain unmanned aircraft systems. **Page S1702**

Thune Amendment No. 3512 (to Amendment No. 3464), to enhance airport security. **Page S1703**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 40), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S1680–S1702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the next amendments in order be the following, and that it be in order to call them up and considered offered in the order listed: Heinrich Modified Amendment No. 3482; Thune Amendment No. 3462; Schumer Amendment No. 3483; Thune Amendment No. 3463; and Cantwell Amendment No. 3490. **Page S1702**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, April 7, 2016. **Page S1774**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:**Pages S1772–73****Privileges of the Floor:****Page S1773**

Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—40)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2016. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy concluded a hearing to examine Department of Agriculture rural development programs and their economic impact across America, after receiving testimony from Lisa Mensah, Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development; Craig Hill, Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, Milo; Monte Shaw, Iowa Renewable Fuels Association, Johnston; and Cris Somerville, Dakota Turbines, Cooperstown, North Dakota, on behalf of the Distributed Wind Energy Association.

APPROPRIATIONS: USFS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Forest Service, after receiving testimony from Tom Tidwell, Chief, Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

APPROPRIATIONS: NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AND MILITARY INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a closed hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Intelligence and Military Intelligence programs, after receiving testimony from James Clapper, Director of National Intelligence; and Marcel Lettre, Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

DHS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Homeland Security concluded a hearing to examine research and development efforts at the Department of Homeland Security, after receiving testi-

mony from Reginald Brothers, Under Secretary for Science and Technology, Kathryn H. Brinsfield, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer, and Huban A. Gowadia, Director for the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, all of the Department of Homeland Security.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower concluded a hearing to examine Navy shipbuilding programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Sean J. Stackley, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development, and Acquisition, Vice Admiral Joseph P. Mulloy, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8), and Lieutenant General Robert S. Walsh, USMC, Deputy Commandant for Combat Development and Integration, Commanding General, Marine Corps Combat Development Command, all of the Department of Defense.

MILITARY JUSTICE REVIEW GROUP

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the report of the Military Justice Review Group from Andrew S. Effron, Director, Military Justice Review Group, and Dwight H. Sullivan, Senior Associate Deputy General Counsel for Military Justice Personnel Policy, both of the Department of Defense.

UNRELIABILITY OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL DATA

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the unreliability of Federal financial data, including the need to address the government's remaining financial management challenges and long-term fiscal path, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine transportation security, focusing on protecting passengers and freight, after receiving testimony from Peter Neffenger, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION BUDGET

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2017 for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission,

after receiving testimony from Stephen G. Burns, Chairman, and Kristine Svinicki, William Ostendorff, and Jeffrey Baran, each a Commissioner, all of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS OF THE U.S. DEBT

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the strategic implications of the United States debt, after receiving testimony from Richard N. Haass, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York; and Neera Tanden, Center for American Progress, Washington, D.C.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2700, to update the authorizing provisions relating to the workforces of the National Institutes of Health and the Food and Drug Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 185, to create a limited population pathway for approval of certain antibacterial drugs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2713, to provide for the implementation of a Precision Medicine Initiative, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2745, to amend the Public Health Service Act to promote the inclusion of minorities in clinical research, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 2742, to amend title IV of the Public Health Service Act regarding the national research institutes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2304, to provide for tribal demonstration projects for the integration of early

childhood development, education, including Native language and culture, and related services, for evaluation of those demonstration projects, S. 2468, to require the Secretary of the Interior to carry out a 5-year demonstration program to provide grants to eligible Indian tribes for the construction of tribal schools, S. 2580, to establish the Indian Education Agency to streamline the administration of Indian education, and S. 2711, to expand opportunity for Native American children through additional options in education, after receiving testimony from Lawrence S. Roberts, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Arizona State Senator Carlyle W. Begay, Phoenix; Patricia Whitefoot, National Indian Education Association, Washington, D.C.; and Sandra Boham, Salish Kootenai College, Pablo, Montana.

FEDERAL DISASTER RESPONSE

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: Committee concluded a hearing to examine Federal disaster response and Small Business Administration implementation of the RISE Act, after receiving testimony from Douglas Kramer, Deputy Administrator, Small Business Administration; and Elizabeth A. Zimmerman, Associate Administrator, Office of Response and Recovery, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine finding a cure, focusing on assessing progress toward the goal of ending Alzheimer's by 2025, after receiving testimony from Ronald C. Petersen, Mayo Clinic Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, Rochester, Minnesota; Polly Bradley, Southern Maine Agency on Aging, Scarborough; Lisa Baron, Memory Care Home Solutions, St. Louis, Missouri; and David Hyde Pierce, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY,
APRIL 7, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the National Institutes of Health, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Department of Defense military construction and family housing, 10:30 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Jay Neal Lerner, of Illinois, to be Inspector General, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Amias Moore Gerety, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Matthew Rhett Jeppson, of Florida, to be Director of the Mint, both of the Department of the Treasury, and Lisa M. Fairfax, of Maryland, and Hester Maria Peirce, of Ohio, both to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission; to be immediately followed by a hearing to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's Semi-Annual Report to Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold an oversight hearing to examine the United States Geological Survey, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the Federal role in keeping water and wastewater infrastructure affordable, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health Policy, to hold hearings to examine a progress report on the West Africa Ebola epidemic, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 247, to amend section 349 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to deem specified activities in support of terrorism as renunciation of United States nationality, S. 2390, to provide adequate protections for whistleblowers at the Federal Bureau of Investigation, S. 2613, to reauthorize certain programs established by the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act of 2006, S. 2614, to amend the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, to reauthorize the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Alert Program, and to promote initiatives that will reduce the risk of injury and death relating to the wandering characteristics of some children with autism, and the nominations of Elizabeth J. Drake, of Maryland, Jennifer Choe Groves, of Virginia, and Gary Stephen Katzmman, of Massachusetts, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, and Clare E. Connors, to be United States District Judge for the District of Hawaii, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH-219.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

SECOND SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House.

The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 4 through March 31, 2016

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	40	36	..
Time in session	212 hrs., 36'	161 hrs., 53'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	1,619	1,586	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	379	..
Public bills enacted into law	12	15	27
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference .....	..	..	..
Measures passed, total	76	137	213
Senate bills	14	14	..
House bills	12	88	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	4	..
House concurrent resolutions	4	6	..
Simple resolutions	42	24	..
Measures reported, total	* 53	* 93	146
Senate bills	36	1	..
House bills	6	72	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
Senate concurrent resolutions .....	..	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	4	..
Simple resolutions	11	16	..
Special reports	2	..	..
Conference reports	1	..	..
Measures pending on calendar	256	34	..
Measures introduced, total	381	698	1,079
Bills	303	577	..
Joint resolutions	3	6	..
Concurrent resolutions	8	21	..
Simple resolutions	67	94	..
Quorum calls .....	..	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	38	57	..
Recorded votes .....	..	80	..
Bills vetoed	1	1	..
Vetoed overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 4 through March 31, 2016

Civilian nominations, totaling 231 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	21
Unconfirmed	202
Withdrawn	8
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 660 (including 97 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	320
Unconfirmed	339
Withdrawn	1
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,417 (including 181 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,901
Unconfirmed	516
Army nominations, totaling 2,462 (including 1,740 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,316
Unconfirmed	146
Navy nominations, totaling 125 (including 5 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	69
Unconfirmed	56
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,229 (including 3 nominations carried over from the First Session), disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	753
Unconfirmed	476
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	2,207
Total nominations received this Session	5,917
Total confirmed	6,380
Total unconfirmed	1,735
Total withdrawn	9
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 34 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 93 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

3:30 p.m., Monday, April 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will continue consideration of H.R. 636, America's Small Business Tax Relief Act (the legislative vehicle for the Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization Act).

House Chamber

Program for Monday: The House is scheduled to meet in Pro Forma session at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, 2016, pursuant to the provisions of S. Con. Res. 34.



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